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## "THE DAY OF THE ETERNAL."

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## יוֹם יְהוָה:

This little poem consists of the concluding verses of a long poem on *עז הדת*, "The power of the religious law", by Samuel Joseph Fin, of Vilna. The author of this poem and of several important works on Jewish history and literature, and the editor of a Hebrew periodical, *הכרמל*, is still living. In the form of his poetical works he is not felicitous, since he sacrifices all beauty of rhythm and measure to the expression of his ideas. But his ideas are lofty and the expression of the same is clear and comprehensive; and this betrays clear consciousness and logical thought.

יש יום אמר אלהים, יום הוא ברוח  
 יעמוד אז האמת כשמש בין צבאות שמים  
 וככוכבים מסביב לו יסוב כל לב ורוח  
 ואל כל הגיוני נפש ישלח קרנים  
 אז כל-אפסי ארץ בגאון יהוה יצהלו  
 ירן כל-היקום כי דעת אל גברה  
 נשאי דגליו מקדם בשמו עתה יתהללו  
 כי מאתם יצאה תורה, הופיעה נהרה  
 במחול אהבה כל-העמים יצאו שכם אחד  
 כי בני אלהים אחד הן המה גם יחד.

There is a day, so saith the Lord, a day it is in spirit  
 When like the sun 'mong heavenly hosts, the truth will stand,  
 And like the planets, around it will revolve every heart and spirit,  
 And to all the yearnings of the soul it will send radiant rays.  
 And the ends of the earth will then rejoice in the greatness of the Eternal,  
 The entire creation (existence) will sing, for the wisdom of the Lord hath prevailed;  
 The bearers of His banners in olden times will now glory in His Name,  
 For from them the teaching went forth (by which) the light shone forth.  
 All the nations in one accord will go out (join) in a dance of love,  
 For they are each and all together the sons of One God.